

Unemployment declines in Missouri

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The economic outlook for Missourians appears to be swinging upward.

A new report released last month from the Bureau of Labor Statistics found unemployment rates declined in 48 states, including Missouri, which saw a 0.8 percent decrease over the past year. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent for 2011 from 9.4 percent in 2010.

"Missouri has been better off than the nation as a whole during the national recession," John Fougere, Missouri Department of Economic Development communications director, said. "Our state's unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate for all but two months for the past two years."

Fougere said the state's current unemploy-

ment rate stands at 7.5 percent, which is the lowest it's been since November 2008 and well below the current U.S. average of 8.3 percent. He cited several reasons for this, including a slightly more steady housing market, a diverse economy and pro-business policies.

Missouri also had its second best month in terms of job creation since 2007 during January, Fougere said, when it created over 21,000 new jobs.

For Nodaway County, the current unemployment rate of 7.3 percent falls just below the state average and well below the national average.

In the last year, though, the county's rate dipped to as low as 4.9 percent in November and was in the 5 percent range throughout the fall.

But Kim Mildward, Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments workforce

development director, said the Missouri Career Center has seen a recent improvement in the job outlook for the county.

"Several of the manufacturers in the area are adding employees to their payroll," Mildward said. "And we are also seeing an increase in the type of jobs being advertised through the career center and area newspapers."

Mildward said location is the biggest factor for the county's lower unemployment rate.

"Being in the Midwest, we tend to be more immune to the recession than the East or West coast," she said. "The Midwest also tends to be more conservative fiscally, and that extends to the business environment."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics's report stated the Midwest region saw the biggest decline in

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Student projects leave some uneasy

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For the biological sciences and agricultural departments on campus, class can sometimes include the welcoming of non-human mammals into the classroom.

The dissection of frogs, pigs, chickens and the examination of calves as well as certain organs animal organs such as a sheep's kidney and brain are included in biology and agriculture classes like anatomy, physiology and nutrition.

"We don't do a lot of actual dissection, but we do some. I usually try to get a pig and a chicken and a calf if we have such, and we dissect the digestive tracts of those animals to show the differences," Dr. Dennis Padgitt, professor of animal science, said. "Quite a bit of our anatomy just involves external structures, so we look at construction of the animal."

Assistant professor Dr. Natalia Omelchenko and Padgitt said that, for students, participating in the dissection portion of a class is not required.

"It is an interesting experience for those who can handle it," Omelchenko said. "If the student does not want to be involved, they can leave the room. It is totally optional."

If students choose not to participate in dissections, they can observe other students doing the dissection or leave the room if they do not want to observe the dissection process either.

Padgitt says that while supplemental material online or in textbooks can provide the students with the information they need for the test, it does not give them the same experience.

"What I've found, with students, is that most students really get focused when they have the opportunity to look at or cut open and look at a specimen and see what it looks like on the inside. It really helps stimu-

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GREEK WEEK 2012



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest Greek Life students cheer on fellow greeks at the Jello Jam competitions on Tuesday at the Pavilion parking lot on campus. Fraternities and Sororities compete this week in a chariot race, rec night in the Student Rec Center and a Zeus and Hera contest on Thursday in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Northwest ranks highest in state in Recyclemania

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The Sustainability Office at Northwest is using a little friendly competition to spread the word about the importance of recycling by participating in a national competition called Recyclemania.

Recyclemania is an eight-week competition between more than 600 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada who compete in different contests to see

which institution can achieve the highest amount of recyclables per capita. In recent numbers, Northwest is ranked in the top 5 percent in the nation and beats every other participating university in the state of Missouri, coming in at number one.

"This year is the first year we have been competing since 2008, and the reason is because they have opened up a new food service and organics competition, and the compost program that was established

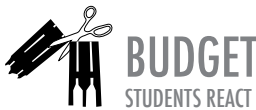
in August has really taken off," John Viau, sustainability coordinator at Northwest, said. "As of Feb. 15, we had reached 100,000 pounds of food-service organics that we have diverted from the landfill."

Viau says that he hopes Recyclemania will help get the word out to students about the importance of sustainability on campus and in the community. When looking at programs like Recyclemania, the sustainability office looks for new and interesting ways for the stu-

dent population to become better informed about the importance of being environmentally aware.

"One of the reasons for the competition is to get the word out and revitalize our plan for collecting more bottles and cans," Viau said. "We want to keep pushing the importance of sustainability to our students; I used to say 'it's not just dread locks and drum circles anymore, it's part of our economy,' and

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TREY WILLIAMS

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At 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 some students were breaking for lunch, taking a midday nap, or preparing for the weekend ahead, but first-year sophomore Jackson Gooch was having one of the worst weeks of her life.

That was the day the University announced the job losses, department realignments and the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Education in the family and consumer sciences department.

"I was actually at home; my step-brother had just passed away so I was at home taking care of all of that stuff, and one of my really good friends who is also in the department texted me and said, 'They're cutting our department,' and I was like, 'you have got to be kidding me, worst week of my life,'" Gooch said of the day she found out her major was being cut.

"So then I checked my email, and it said that they were cutting my major too so, instantly, I broke down. This is my future that they're cutting and I know that they say that they are gonna work with us

to help push us through, which I really appreciate because they could just as easily say, 'well, you know you're only a sophomore, you're just gonna have to change.'"

Gooch is one of the 17 students directly affected by the department realignments and the sole student from the freshman class to declare education in family and consumer sciences her major.

"When I was in high school I was a state officer (in Family Career and Community Leaders of America) for two years for Missouri so it's a big deal for me, and it just felt like becoming a FCS teacher and continuing being in FCCLA as an adviser seemed like a really important thing for me. and Northwest has basically the premiere program in the state if that's what you want to become," she said. "My first thought (when I heard the news) was that the school doesn't care about me.

"I've given them a lot of my money, plan on giving them a lot of my money for the next two and a half years, and I kind of considered looking to transfer somewhere else."

Anger, frustration and neglect are some of the feelings that surfaced in the hours, days and weeks following the announcement by the University. Senior

Adrienne Burgus and junior Kristen Terry have been working since the proposed plan to prevent its acceptance.

"Well, our major as a whole was really upset by the news, and so Kristin and I kind of got together and were talking and there were a lot of people who were passionate about it and had a lot of anger, and they didn't really know how to channel that into something positive," Burgus said. "So, we were talking and trying to come up with some ideas of things that we could do that would unite us and try to get us heard and try to get people to understand what our majors are and what our department does because we feel like there's a lack of understanding for what it is we do.

"There's just a lot of frustration, because they keep saying that they need time to figure out what they're gonna do, and we're like, 'why didn't you figure it out before you made this decision?'"

Student Senate hosted an open forum Monday allowing students to ask questions of the Northwest Leadership Team, and the administration has continued to meet with the students throughout the

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Bearcats face changes after department re-alignment plan

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A forum on the recent budget cuts and department re-alignments hosted by Student Senate Monday not only brought up questions regarding the soon-to-be-eliminated family and consumer science department but that all of Northwest's academic departments will face changes.

The Board of Regents will vote on the department re-alignment plan March 29. If approved, these changes will go into effect July 1 and will make up for the \$2 million budget shortfall.

It is widely known that the FCS department was the only program targeted for elimination. Provost Doug Dunham feels that students will not notice much difference next year.

"If the Board (of Regents) supports our recommendation, then those courses will eventually go away, but we need to make sure we have the opportunity" Dunham said. "The faculty will be here next year, so the students aren't going to notice much difference, if anything, except for the department name."

The department re-alignments saved the University money by reducing the number of

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Northwest students plan unique trips for spring break

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While Cancun, Jamaica and Panama City are top destinations for students this spring break, according to travel company StudentCity, some Bearcats are spending their week from school a little differently.

Junior Allison Daniel will join

the First Baptist Church on their mission trip to Panama from March 17-25. Daniel said that they plan on staying with a group of missionaries who are currently working on various projects.

“I think that if I have a week off from school, then even though I want to use that for my own enjoyment, I think it’s more important to do something that’s going to last,”

Daniel said.

Daniel said the opportunity to go to a Spanish-speaking country appealed to her interest since she is currently majoring in Spanish.

“I hope to gain a little bit of knowledge about how other countries work,” Daniel said. “I want to learn how to appreciate the world and God’s people.”

It is nothing new for Daniel to

spend her spring break doing mission work. In spring 2011, Daniel contributed her time to volunteering in soup kitchens and helping out in an inner-city school in Chicago.

“Last year, when I went on a similar trip, I was not excited. By the time spring break came around, I wanted to go home and veg out on the couch,” Daniel said. “But after I got back last time, I was really

thankful that’s what I chose to do.”

Daniel is not the only student spending her time off in a different way. Senior Jamie Harrison plans to spend her break with Alternative Spring Break on their trip to Greenville, S.C.

Harrison said the group will work with four different organiza-

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Weekend Events	
Friday, March 9	
Alpha Phi Alpha Clothing Drive	Baseball vs. Emporia State 3 p.m. at Emporia, Kan.
DeLuce Art Gallery: “Obsess” Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	St. Joseph Alumni & Friends Chapter Social and Dinner 6 p.m. at St. Joe Beverage
Great Plains Students Psychology Convention 12 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	<i>Oklahoma!</i> 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Softball vs. Lincoln University 1 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field	
Saturday, March 10	
Alpha Phi Alpha Clothing Drive	9:30 a.m. at Williams Spurgeon Kuhl and Freshnock Architects
Daylight Savings time begins	Softball vs. Lindenwood University 12 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field
DeLuce Art Gallery: “Obsess” Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Baseball vs. Emporia State 1 p.m. at Emporia, Kan.
Jazz Festival Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Dessert Days at Nodaway County Museum 1 p.m. at Nodaway County Museum
Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention 8 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	Baseball vs. Emporia State 3:30 p.m. at Emporia, Kan.
MBA Comprehensive Examination 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Jazz Festival Awards Concert 5 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts
PRAXIS 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Jazz Ensemble Concert 6 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
Special Olympic House of Pancakes, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha 8 a.m. at Lamkin Activity Center	<i>Oklahoma!</i> 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Kansas City Alumni and Friends Chapter Snake Saturday Celebration	
Sunday, March 11	
DeLuce Art Gallery: “Obsess” Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	5 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts
Last date for 25% refund on dropped 2nd block courses	Fellowship Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center
Baseball vs. Emporia State 11 a.m. at Emporia, Kan.	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center
Senior Recital: Alysa Kramer, Voice 2 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Retirement reception for Dr. Ernest Woodruff, Chair, Department of Music 7 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts
Senior Recital: Audra Bunch, Voice, and Jared Williams, Voice	Wind Symphony/Alumni Day Concert 7 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Ali Hakim, played by Matt Sweeten presents a garter to Aunt Heller, played by delaney L. McKenzie. Northwest’s production of Oklahoma is set for March 8-10 at 7:30 at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

Theater students perform Oklahoma!

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

The University will get a comical taste of what it was like to live in the early 1900s with the music and theater department’s re-enactment of “Oklahoma!” this weekend.

The 27-person cast is directed by Joe Kreizinger, theatre program director, and the music is directed by Dr. Brian Lanier, associate professor of music.

According to Kreizinger, every two years the Theatre Production Program at Northwest and the university department of music come together for a joint-production musical. He said the

audience can expect to see a love story of sorts between a cowboy and a local girl with this year’s duo production.

“It also involves conflict between the local farmers and the cowboys who resent each other’s impositions on the other,” Kreizinger said. “There are subplots with the character of Judd Fry, who is the brooding farmhand, who is also in love with Laurey, who is the love of Curly.”

Graduate student Mallory Brown has one of the lead roles as Laurey in the play. Brown said, including the Music Man two years ago, this is the second play she has performed in at the University. Brown enjoyed preparing herself for her role as the very

naive Laurey.

“She is playful and she doesn’t want to share her love with Curly and she doesn’t want to tell him that she’s in love,” Brown said. “So she kind of plays it like she doesn’t care, which then gets her into a lot of trouble.”

Brown is also a choir member and will participate in many songs and dances during the three performances. Kreizinger said there will be a lot of dancing in the shows.

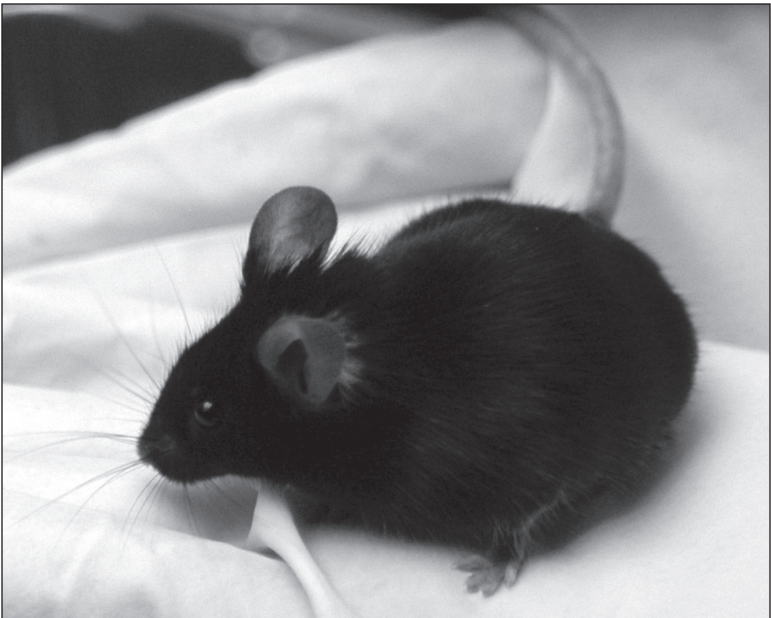
“There’s about a 15-minute ballet scene that’s very cool,” Kreizinger said. “It involves almost the entire cast.”

The play takes place at 7:30 p.m. March 8-10 at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

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AP IMAGES
This mouse, the first mammal bred from two female's DNA, rests in a scientist's hand April 22, 2004. Animal testing research is controversial at Northwest.

OUR VIEW: ANIMAL TESTING AT NORTHWEST

Let students opt out of testing

Protecting the environment is no longer only a hippie agenda. Popularized by movies such as “Avatar” and now “The Lorax,” the eco-friendly movement is the crusade of our generation. This sentiment extends to Northwest, where a year-old group, Students Taking Action at Northwest for Developing Sustainability, has helped put us on the map for our green efforts.

More recently, some students have vocally expressed distaste for animal rights issues. Some courses require students to test chemicals on animals, and at least one requires the slaughter of animals. Even if the procedures are conducted humanely, the actions may violate a student’s

moral or religious convictions.

The Northwest Missourian encourages these students to speak out and make their opinion heard. Under the First Amendment, they have the liberty to protest in-class activities that contradict their beliefs. Students are welcome to use The Missourian’s Opinion page as a forum for their views.

Northwest, then, should heed students’ feedback and offer alternative options for students wishing to preserve animal welfare. The University prides itself on the diversity of its students, coming from countries all over the world and 44 of the 50 states in America. They come from varying backgrounds and belief

structures. And with vegetarianism on the rise from 3 percent to higher figures, there could be several hundred vegetarian Bearcats on campus within a few years. Their needs must be met, just like the needs of meat-eating students.

Humans do not have to be the alternative lab rats to animals either. A new initiative called Quantitative Structure Activity Relationships simulates chemical reactions between the subject and the tested substance. Introduced by PETA, QSAR’s purpose is to provide easy access to scientific documentation of chemical testing to limit animal testing. In other words, it is something that Northwest should consider.

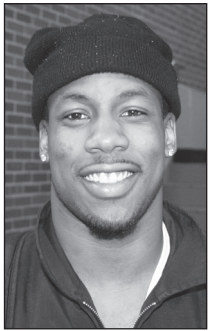
CAMPUS TALK

Is it ethical to use animals for chemical testing?



“I don’t believe in hurting the animals over something like that, but I would rather see an animal get hurt than a human get hurt. But I think they should try testing it more so neither get hurt.”

Erica Martin
Business Education



“It’s good for humans to know what they’re taking in and putting into their bodies, but at the same time, they can’t test too many animals. So a good level of moderation would be good for it.”

LaVell Benford
Business Management and Marketing



“I am completely against it. I align with PETA on this – I don’t think animals should be tested because they have no voice. If it’s bad for them, it shouldn’t be used against them.”

Janelle Funderburk
Undecided



“I guess it’s kind of bad for hurting animals and stuff, but at the same time it’s less suffering for humans, not hurting humans or putting us in that situation.”

Vaun Kipper
Psychology



“No, because they have no say in it, and they should be tested on humans, even though it can affect a human, but if they’re willing to be tested or can sign something that says that they’re willing.”

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College debt worsens, students at fault

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College debt is no longer limited to recent graduates, The Federal Reserve Bank of New York released Monday. Rest assured, students; 34 percent of Americans with post-graduation debt are under 30 years of age. The other two-thirds of Americans with debt are split evenly between those ages 30-39 and 40 and above.

Tragically, the debt that’s saddling our parents’ age category is not a remnant of their own college days. The report estimates that the oldest age category is comprised of parents paying off their children’s debt. We can call it a high-water mark for a sad situation – our loan debt is so bad, we’re bringing down the rest of the country with us.

So who can we blame for this drain on our bank accounts? Shockingly, not President Barack Obama.

His Pay As You Earn plan, revealed in October 2011, extends the hiatus between graduation and the start of loan payments, reduces monthly payments and forgives a graduate’s loans after 20 years, down from 25. It’s great for the student but terrible for everyone else; that money needs to be made up somehow, and John Q. Taxpayer ends up footing the bill.

We can definitely blame state governments for the increase in post-graduation debt. State legislation usually dictates funding for public colleges and universities. So when they decide to cut those budgets, tuitions usually rise in response, and debt follows along.

Tuition increases, then, have joined the ranks of death and taxes. The price of education rises by 5.6 percent annually, according to the nonprofit association the College Board. Nationwide, students have pushed college enrollments ever higher. Combine the two, and of course, debt will increase as well. By some estimates, it grows at twice the rate of inflation.

Finally, students, it’s definitely our fault for racking up ridiculous levels of post-graduation debt. Before this goes any further, if you work a part-time job and feverishly apply for scholarships, please disregard the following. But everyone else, this is for you.

We’re all to blame for one big reason: refund checks. At Northwest, refund-check day draws almost as much of a crowd as when SAC concert tickets go on sale. We can put that money back into our loan payments, which basically creates another step in the tuition payment process, but who does that? We all know that the lion’s share of those glorious checks are spent irresponsibly.

You have the right to do this, but you probably shouldn’t. It’s your money, but you’re paying interest on it, and it’s adding to your post-graduation debt, not to mention wrecking the national average. If you can’t live within your means for four years, please be responsible in paying it off. Because if you don’t, the rest of us will be forced to in 20 years’ time.

Occupy, not Mayans, warns of real Apocalypse

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Since the beginning of the 20th century, megalomaniacal dictators have occupied the thrones and offices of just about every major player in the game of total supremacy. In Italy, Russia and Germany, Mussolini, Stalin and Hitler, respectively, laid waste to the seeds of democracy and capitalism with cruelty beyond imagining that begot the deaths of millions of innocent civilians. There are many who rightly claim Richard Nixon and George W. Bush fit into the mold of tyrants, relative to the frills and fancies afforded by the mythical American Dream. In the Middle East, to this day, men of war continue to ruthlessly assault the helpless, meek and poor.

Furthermore, since the very beginnings of civilization, prophecies concerning the end of the world have inundated the cryptic writings and drawings of our ancestors so much so that people today harbor profound trepidations regarding the fate of humanity. The number of

dates predicted as the day the world is scheduled by fate or divinity to end are infinite and all derived from mind-bogglingly ambiguous, subjective and brazenly fallacious interpretations. Evidently, the Mayans, Sumerians, Aztecs, Egyptians, Incas, Anasazi, Zoroastrians and other lost societies all attempted to warn us of the calamities destined to befall the world. Despite not even one of their supposed “prophecies” having any basis in reality, science or reason, the fear of Armageddon continues to spread like the plague.

According to the misguided and intellectually devoid inanities of doomsayers, clandestine organizations such as the Illuminati, alien cultures of benevolent reptile geneticists such as the Galactic Federation of Light and the governments of the world are all surreptitiously plotting humankind’s cataclysmic doom.

In opposition to these flagrant absurdities, conscientious movements of freethinking activists, such as Occupy Wall Street and Anonymous, have shouldered the burden of awakening the masses to the real threats to freedom by camping out in public parks, protesting in front

of corporate and government buildings and perpetrating acts of Internet mischief that have succeeded in shutting down the websites of the highest authorities all over the world.

Anonymous and Occupy Wall Street are the very sort of in-your-face reminders of the importance of the pieces of the past that do carry substantial weight; primarily that America’s creation was the direct result of a revolutionary coup against an oppressive empire by farmers, laborers and simpler men than those who reside in glistening, symbol-adorned theaters of booming, eloquent oratory.

It is to these groups and people that Americans and all other citizens of the Earth owe the greatest debt when it comes to payment for the roiling of the institutions who, beyond a shadow of a doubt, no longer even pretend to have the interests of their constituents or the people in general even in unconscious mind. The world is not going to end in 2012, but if groups like Occupy Wall Street and Anonymous fail to wake people up, then the world that will exist will be nothing in which one could sanely wish to raise a child.

TECH COLUMN: EDUCATIONAL TECH

Make classes technologically relevant by utilizing Web 2.0, ditching outdated lecture tools

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So you’ve rolled out of bed and dragged yourself to class, only to be inundated with PowerPoint lecture after PowerPoint lecture. Maybe you were lucky and only one or two of your classes were just lectures, or the teacher actually engaged you on an intellectual level. However, that’s highly unlikely.

Outside of the classroom, technology has revolutionized our world, from iPhones to the Internet to even newspapers. But for some reason, technology has yet to infiltrate the field of education. Now, of course, computers have changed the way teachers do things, and I do not claim to be a teacher or know all the ins and outs of teaching, but on average, the basic idea of teaching is the same today as it was a hundred years ago.

Is anyone else tired of hearing the phrase, “Turn off your cellphones” or “Put away your computers, it’s time to begin?” We live in a world where technology has revolutionized everything except teaching. Here’s a crazy notion: what if we incorporate our iPhones, computers and social media into the classroom to revolutionize the way we learn?

We’ve all heard the argument that our phones or computers are distracting, but did anyone ever stop to wonder why we turn to our phones and computers during lectures? Maybe they are not distracting – maybe you are just boring. Our iPhones offer us the ability to connect with the world and millions of people. Teachers offer us the ability to stare at a non-interactive screen for an hour and 15 minutes.

If you’ve never heard of the “skin bag bias,” it is basically an assumption that all things that come from within us are better. This means technology is evil, and we don’t need it to teach or be used productively in our society.

“SMS is basically sending your thoughts through time and space at the speed of light.”

Amber Case

But how often do you use your phone to update your schedule or check your email? In actuality, we outsource part of our cognition to the iPhone, or smartphones themselves.

Another theory called “the Extended Mind Thesis” says we literally create artful change in the world using the magic wand known as the iPhone. The iPhone stores part of your memory and allows you to interface and actually cause a change in reality. Amber Case, a cyborg anthropologist, says, “Our iPhones basically give us technologically mediated telepathy. SMS is basically sending your thoughts through time and space at the speed of light. By pressing a few buttons, you become telepathic.”

To believe this idea, all we have to do is embrace the idea that the iPhone is a part of you. Richard Dawkins, a writer and former Charles Simonyi professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University, calls this the extended phenotype. What we do and what we create becomes a part of us.

So taking that idea and understanding that our iPhones and computers are literally a part of us, let’s use them to teach and develop our cognitive thinking even more. Why must we continue to rely on antiquated technology like PowerPoints and overhead projectors to teach? Let’s use this new, extended phenotype to connect all of us. Instead of the dull, dreary teaching we’ve all come to know and loathe, let’s get creative in the classroom.

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ASL CLUB STUDENT WORKSHOP



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

American Sign Language Club held a student language workshop on Wednesday in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Students learned how to sign popular songs, phrases and basic beginners signs like the alphabet.

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chairs. “Currently, chairs receive a stipend that is primarily related to their duties over the summer, but there is also a release time (for chairs),” Dunham said. “So in addition to saving some of the stipend money by reducing basically the number of administrators, we’re also putting them back in the classroom.” This could prevent Northwest from having to hire adjunct faculty and could allow courses with high demand to be offered more frequently, says Dunham. Northwest’s 19 departments will be condensed into 11 if this plan goes into effect. This required the deans of Northwest’s three colleges to arrange the chairs of the reorganized departments. Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said careful consideration went into selecting the chairs for the re-aligned departments.

“We were looking for people that we thought would be good leaders and good representatives of the new department,” McAdams said. “Most of these individuals have been chairs for several years or recently been chairs, and we felt they had really strong leadership.” Go to nwmissourinews.com for a complete list of the proposed department redesigns and chairs. The Missouri Academy, Horace Mann, KXCV-KRNW and the R.T. Wright University Laboratory Farm also face significant cuts. In addition to the cuts, the four programs are placed on a plan to become independent from university funding in three years, or they could face elimination. The Academy is looking at a loss of 20 percent of its budget. This means a tuition increase for all students, says Chief Public Relations

Officer Mitzi Lutz. Currently, Academy students pay 20 to 43 percent of their tuition based on information provided by FAFSA. Starting next fall, students will have to pay 48 to 71 percent. KXCV-KRNW is the largest reaching radio station north of Kansas City, says Director and Station Manager Rodney Harris. Harris feels without the station, mass communication students would miss out on an important opportunity to get hands-on training before they enter the job market. The elimination of Horace Mann’s summer program could mean the loss of opportunities for education students taking required practicum classes, but Joyce Piveral, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, says there are alternative options.

“We do take some of the students to Kansas City to do an experience down there because they have a more diverse population in the public schools down there,” Piveral said. “This summer we are trying to place all those students who need experience, in say the reading area or content area; those are areas where the elementary students get practicum experience, so we are looking at how do we place them.” A part-time faculty and part-time director position will replace the full-time director position at Horace Mann. Dunham and Piveral both said this would allow for a greater level of interaction between the school and the new department of professional education. Dunham says many things are still waiting to be decided until after the Board of Regents approves or denies the proposal. Things like minimal general education requirements for certain departments, the number of faculty senate members, if and which courses will be deleted and the names of some new departments could change.

SEARCH

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place to live- their connections did. Hammen now lives in a house that has been passed down through her sorority for three years, and she knows of at least one other house that has been in her sorority for over 20 years. “It’s all about who you know,” Hammen said. “Almost all of my friends live in houses that have been passed down through our sorority.” KNIM launched the rental site, MaryvilleRentalFinder.com, this week, but the process is going slower than Cronin had anticipated. She has contacted all Maryville landlords about the site but is waiting for responses. The site has the capability for landlords to post detailed information and photographs of their properties, Cronin said. Next week, the council is scheduled to discuss their support for the site. Mayor Ronnie Moss said that although this type of resource has been discussed in the past, he is hoping that KNIM’s initiative to develop the site will gain the support of the council. “I think this could be something the council could support,” Moss said. “The students provide economic development for the city, and I’m hoping the council will decide this is something we could support.” If the council decides to sponsor the site, Moss said the progress of the resource may proceed quickly. He believes this resource would save students time and be more convenient for all students, especially for those who could open the Web site on their phones.

RECYCLE

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Recyclemania is another opportunity to push that drive.” Not only are staff members in the sustainability department working towards a more eco-friendly future but the members of Students Taking Action at Northwest for Developing Sustainability are as well. Spreading the word about the importance of recycling changed the mind of S.T.A.N.D.S. President Ashley Blanchard who, after talking with Viau at a SOAR event, decided she wanted to make a difference at Northwest. She is currently working with her staff and the University to promote the benefits of Recyclema-

nia to students. “The biggest things we try to do is generate interest with advertisements and different marketing tricks, like hidden events where if you are spotted throwing something in the recycle bin, you can win a free water bottle,” Blanchard said. “We really just want to get the students more involved.” Through their efforts, the Northwest campus continues to show progress, through weekly updates on the Northwest Web site under the Recyclemania tab. “Students should know that every little bit matters, and just by doing that one thing, you can make a difference,” Blanchard said. “When you do things like recycling your pizza box or paper, you help the University make money.”

DISSECTION

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late their interest,” Padgitt said. Omelchenko and Padgitt said that while points are not deducted from students that choose not to participate in dissection, they are expected to know the material for the tests. “There are some videos available that show anatomical structures that are quite helpful, but I do not think there is anything that replaces looking at the real thing,” Padgitt said. “The labs using those animals are some of the things that you will remember from your college career. They will stick in your mind and hopefully, they can be put to use sometime in their career.” For most students, the inclusion of dissection into the class provides a first-hand look at what animals look like and how their body processes work. “Dissection provides hands-on experience,” junior pre-professional zoology major Silver Love said. “You can touch, feel and see first-hand what you’re doing, and most people in this major realize that that is part of it.”

For many biology students, dissection provides them with a kind of experience and skills that a textbook cannot supply. “They always have diagrams in textbooks to give you more of a visual perspective that are labeled and appear in bright colors so they can differentiate the organs from each other, but in real life, it’s not that way,” senior biology student Aaron Oppermann said. “Everything is close to the same color, and if you go into the real world expecting everything to be labeled and easy to find, you’re going to be very surprised. It is good to do dissections so that you know what it is really like.” Prior to dissection, the animals are put to sleep in line with Animal Care and Use Committee guidelines, preventing any harm to the animals. “In my experience, students are very excited to use the live tissue,” Omelchenko said. “We are trying to reduce the number of animals used so the tissues are used for multiple

classes after it (the animal) has been killed.” The Northwest farm has a cow fitted with a rumen cannula, which is a removable rubber plug that allows the inside of the cow’s stomach to be seen and felt from outside the cow’s body. This is another way in which students can explore different animals outside of the classroom. “The artificial insemination course I took is very hands-on. We got to look at a cannulated cow, went to the farm every day, and we were able to feel a fetus inside the cow,” animal science and agronomy major Olivia Weidmaier said. “It was really cool and very helpful to be able to assist in putting one (cannula) in or do it yourself. I have cattle and horses, and I would like to use those skills on my animals someday. There’s no other way to get involved if you do not get the skills here.” Senior agriculture business and animal science major Kayley Reedy feels prepared for her future in the agriculture business because of the experience she has had with dissection in her courses at Northwest. “Dissection gives students the opportunity to actually see what we’re learning about,” Reedy said. “Some of the most valuable information I’ve retained is because it was a hands-on dissection that gave me a real-life visual. For pre-vet students, this is invaluable as it exposes them to the type of work they’ll be doing as they further their education.”

Despite opposition from national organizations, students still find that dissection provides a unique way of learning about the agricultural field. “In the agriculture sector, we have become quite the controversy with organizations such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and The Humane Society of the United States, and there is no doubt in my mind that the integration of animal dissection in the classroom will soon become just as controversial,” sophomore agriculture education major Jessica Murphy said. “But I feel it is necessary to help develop and innovate new ideas to help promote and better the welfare and safety not only of us, but also the animals themselves.”

DECLINE

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unemployment rates over the last year at 1.1 percent. While the news may seem good for many, there are still thousands of Missourians without jobs. Mildward said her office provides a variety of services to assist individuals with finding employment, including a resource room available to the general public to look for jobs utilizing the state job bank and other job search engines; assistance with creating résumés and cover letters; the opportunity to fill out job applications for area employers; assessments to assist with determining career aptitudes and skill sets; workshops on job-seeking and job-keeping skills, including those on networking and how to use social media in the job search and assistance with filing for unemployment insurance; assistance with on-the-job training or post-secondary educational costs to those who qualify. The Missouri Career Center is located inside the Northwest Regional Council of Governments, 114 W. 3rd, Maryville.

BREAK

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tions: Harvest Hope Food Bank, Project Host Soup Kitchen, the Frazee Dream Center, which is an after-school program for underprivileged children, and Diligent Hands Gracious Hearts, which helps the elderly with home improvements. “I just think it’s a much more productive way to spend spring break,” Harrison said. “You have this whole week off, just helping people would be a lot more productive than just going and doing something for yourself. I don’t think anyone has ever had a bad experience going to volunteer.” There are 28 students attending the trip this year. While the total cost ran about \$650 per person, ASB held multiple fundraisers throughout the year to lessen the financial obligation on students. “This year we have a really diverse group of people going,” Harrison said. “I think that something that’s cool about it is that anybody can go and experience something like this.”

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

March 3
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1200 block South Main.

March 2
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 600 block West Third Street.

Feb. 29
Kristin K. McGary, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless and imprudent driving at 1200 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Kyle G. Sander, 22, Maryville, Mo., and Jessica S. Shull, 28, Maryville, Mo., at North Mulberry and West Ninth Street.

Sander was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Bill J. Harr, 58, Maryville, Mo., was charged with peace disturbance because of barking dogs on 200 block West Thompson.

An accident occurred between Holly M. Howard, 18, Craig, Mo., and Bryce J. Beckel, 34, Rochester, Min., at 2100 block South Main. Howard was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Feb. 28
An accident occurred between Kyle S. Miller, 27, Maryville, Mo., and Annette C. Mullins, 49, Skidmore, Mo., at East First and North Depot. Miller was issued a citation for failure

to yield.

James J. Fulton, 34, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while revoked and defective equipment at 200 block East Fourth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 400 block West Fifth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of domestic assault at 300 block East Third Street.

Feb. 26
Kyle L. Schlake, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 600 block North Main.

Feb. 25
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 500 block North Buchanan.

Feb. 24
Michelle L. Castillo, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while revoked at 400 block North Main.

Sydney B. Catlett, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and possession of another’s driver’s license at 400 block West Eleventh Street.

An accident occurred between Wanda J. Bombara, 51, Maryville, Mo., and Debra A. Baldwin, 55, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block East Fourth Street.

Feb. 23
Alexander L. Daffer, 19, Maryville, Mo., Alexandra L. Kohler, 18, Maryville, Mo., Jacob E. Hill, 19, Maryville, Mo., Kaitlyn E. Byrnes, 19, Maryville, Mo., were charged with possession of marijuana at 1100 block North College Drive.

Alexandria E. Hanna, 22, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

Feb. 22
Joshua R. Bowers, 29, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and expired plates at 300 block East Seventh Street.

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35 High point of an Alaskan trip?
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26 Locale
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37 Touchdown site
38 Big shot
39 More than zero

By Daniel Finan

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Answers for the March 1 issue.

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Answers for the March 1 issue.

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Answers for the March 1 issue.

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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (03/08/12). Examine your financial values this year. Compromise with your partner to determine what's most important. Pay down debt, keep insurance current and then get to electives. After June, you may see changes at home, or even a move. Get into sweet domesticity with family and friends.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Consult with experts over the next few days. Tap into the latest news on the subject. No need to decide immediately. Get multiple opinions, and then consider your options.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Dig into a big job. Start by learning the rules for the most difficult task first. Get into creative work, and bring home the bacon. This satisfies on multiple levels.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Schedule for success. Include romance, and block out time for the unexpected. Prioritize children, creativity, social life and your sweetheart. Indulge.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make sure you know what's requested before doing the work. Get into home projects for the next few days. Nesting feels especially nurturing. Discover

hidden treasure.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Get the facts before you jump to conclusions. Your powers of concentration are sharp for the next two days, and research suits you fine. Get into study, and solutions flow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- It's easy to spend money for the next two days. It's also easier to earn it, so focus on that. There's no reason not to budget for what you want. Get into the leisure life.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8

-- A quiet day might suit you just fine, if it can be arranged. A conflict of interests could leave you with a tricky choice. You know in your heart which path is best.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Check the blueprint, and then proceed. Clear communications create new opportunities. Get in touch with old friends who can help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You have more than you think. Procrastinate another day. Take action to improve the quality of your community and environment. When everyone wins, you win.

Nancy Black **MCT Campus**

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- It's an excellent time to travel now. Don't be afraid to take the path you haven't taken before. You'll find what's needed along the way. Just go.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- It's a great time to complete your tax return. You're more patient with finances and with others. Try to be just as patient with yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Clear out the clutter, and give it away to others who'll appreciate it more. You're learning to let go of things you don't need. Less is more.

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Hard work becomes fun

Horace Mann student competes in geography bee

TREY WILLIAMS
Editor-in-Chief

A knock on the door of the yellow house marked 1311 that sits on East Crestview Drive reveals a quiet home where 11-year-old Sabrina Olson can let her imagination run free.

While entering the clean, tidy house with shoes lining the wall to left of the door, Sabrina bends down to pick up Bast. She pets the black and white cat named after the Egyptian cat goddess as she smiles, exposing a mouth full of braces.

Sabrina is a sixth grader at Horace Mann Elementary. Above all else, she enjoys reading, insects and math. Sabrina has attended Horace Mann since preschool and in her time there has competed in two state math contests, a geography bee in which she was a semifinalist, and a music competition where she got first place in music theory. She has played piano with the University orchestra and performed in school plays. Most recently, however, Sabrina advanced in the national geography bee.

"I enjoy geography and studying about stuff around the world," Sabrina said. "(The competition) was kind of close this year for sixth graders. It was a little bit more relaxing than last year's bee—I don't know why—but I had fun."

To say that Sabrina is heavily involved in extracurricular activities may be an understatement. Some might even call her a Renaissance child.

"Well, (my favorite) depends on the day," Sabrina said. "Some days I like math more than anything else, and some days I like music. Usually, I tend to gravitate more toward math."

"I guess it's just like algebra, getting to figure out what x equals. It's confusing if you get off and mess up a couple of times and frustrating at times. But once

you get it... it makes me feel good."

Nothing brought a bigger smile to Sabrina's face than talking about the insects she collects. Excitement shows vibrantly through her eyes when she digs into a plastic cage to reveal a hissing cockroach. She displays cases of various butterflies, moths, beetles and one praying mantis.

"I love insects, so I have a whole collection of butterflies; I raise butterflies," Sabrina said. "Once I had 11 butterflies let go in the house; they all gravitated toward the window."

Her mother, Eva Cheng, and father, associate professor Anthony Olson, are proud of the work that their daughter has done and the interest she takes in her studies.

"She always likes to just keep learning new things, like a desire for new things," her mother said. "She is happy to learn, and she asks so many questions."

At the dining room table, a neat stack of books and papers sits in front of a chair where Sabrina's homework lies. When she is not practicing her violin or piano, collecting insects or spending time on her studies, reading is next in line.

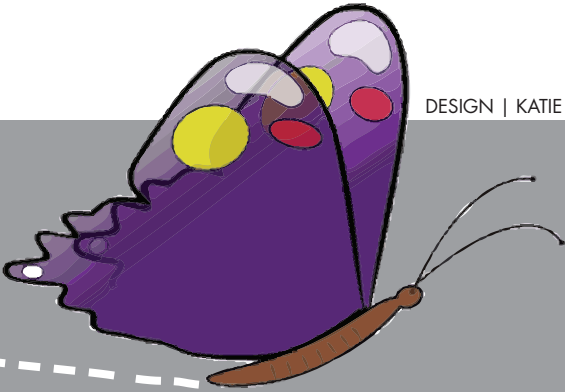
"I love to read," she said numerous times with a smile.

Sabrina recently finished "The Hobbit," the J.R.R. Tolkien critically acclaimed masterpiece that preludes The Lord of the Rings series.

"I loved 'The Hobbit,' and I'm starting The Lord of the Rings series," she said. "(Books) kind of let your imagination run. I don't tend to read books over and over again. It kind of takes some of the fun out of it because you already know what's going to happen."

Sabrina makes little time for television, unless it's a science special or "Nova." Spending hours in front of the TV just does not really suit her; she would much rather read a new book or catch a new insect. Plus, how can she have time for TV when she is competing in geography bees, math competitions, musicals, plays and concerts?

"(My studies) are very important to me," Sabrina said. "I like to get good grades in school, and it makes myself feel good."



DESIGN | KATIE WHELAN



(LEFT) Sabrina Olson shows off her insect collection that is filled with butterflies, moths and a hissing cockroach. Olsen collected all the insects herself. (MIDDLE) Olsen practices a song she will preform with her classmates in the Horace Mann choir. (RIGHT) Olsen shows off one of her pet hissing cockroaches that she has at home and takes care of. LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

WHAT'S HOT

Chuck Norris Bridge

A bridge in Slovakia might immortalize Chuck Norris forever. Out of those who voted, 74 percent of Slovaks voted to name the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling walkway over the Morava River after the “Walker, Texas Ranger” star.

‘Mass Effect 3’

Gamers everywhere were locked in their rooms Tuesday, ignoring all responsibilities and direct sunlight because of the release of BioWare’s “Mass Effect 3.”

WHAT'S NOT

Snooki having a baby

Rumors are everywhere that Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi is expecting, and friends of the “Jersey Shore” cast are reacting as maturely as you would expect. Snooki’s ex-boyfriend, Emilio Masella, told TMZ that “not to be rude or anything” but he hopes she has a miscarriage. Jonny “The Unit” Manfre assured the public the baby is not his friend Mike “The Situation” Sorrentino’s.

Limbaugh calls student “slut”

Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh apologized for his choice of words when he referred to Sandra Fluke, a supporter of healthcare providers covering contraceptives, a slut for her beliefs. Fluke told “The View” that his apology changes nothing for her. Nine of the sponsors for Limbaugh’s show have pulled their support since his statement.



KIRA NORTROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Your man makes observations about university tours for prospective students in this week’s stroller.

THE STROLLER: Your man analyzes Northwest tours

I think Northwest needs to be a wet campus, if for no other reason than to make the most out of those incessantly perky student ambassadors leading prospective students around. Those tours are just painful to watch, but alcohol, the great equalizer, could make them a heck of a lot more fun. That’s right, it’s time for a good ol’ drinking game.

If there’s one thing those tour leaders are good at, it’s sound bites. Let’s say they’re in the middle of a sentence and have no idea what to say next. At their top-secret training facility in Cuba (Cuba, Missouri, that is, right outside Rolla) they’re actually trained to stop, smile as big as they can and say “Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat!” Take a drink every time you hear this, or Bearcat Nation or Bearcat Family. If they growl like a Bearcat, finish whatever’s left in your drink. Or tap a keg because you’ve just hit the jackpot.

Tour leaders want you to know that we’re a big deal. Don’t be surprised if they refer to buildings and places with names you’ve never heard before. “And

on your left is the J.P. Morgan Centennial Staircase, which leads to the second floor of Colden Memorial Liberty Mel Gibson Hall.” All in a day’s work for tour leaders. If they give a frilly title to something that doesn’t deserve it, drink up.

They’ll also avoid topics and areas that, well, don’t reflect the “Bearcat pride” of Northwest. This is why they show students Hudson and Perrin, when there’s only a Mo. West fan’s chance in The Outback that you’ll actually get in there instead of the “aged to perfection” high-rises. If tour leaders take the long route to avoid the campus slums and ghettos, bottoms up.

Now that you’re thoroughly sauced, it’s time to enjoy the tour! Tuck your shirt in, comb your hair over and put on your best “naive high schooler” face possible. I’ll be watching you, flask in hand, laughing my head off.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

‘The Lorax’ tells classic story in modern context

JENNA ANTHONY

Missourian Reporter

As “The Lorax” jumps off the pages and onto the big screen, presenting a wonderful outlook on a beloved Dr. Seuss book.

“The Lorax”, like many adaptations, is not exactly like the classic children’s book but presents the story in a way that is relatable to today’s audiences while staying true to the unique style of Dr. Seuss.

The story follows 12-year-old

Ted, played by Zac Efron, in his search of a Truffula Tree to present to his crush Audrey, played by Taylor Swift, in order to win her affections. With the purpose in mind to find one of these unique tree, Ted must locate and approach the Once-ler, played by Ed Helms, a grumpy hermit, and listen to his detailed story of his encounter with the Lorax, played by Danny DeVito, spokesman of the trees.

The story line leaves both kids and adults laughing at Ted’s Grammy Norma’s, played by Betty

White, antics and wanting to comfort the adorable bears and fish in their time of distress.

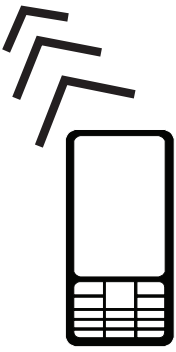
By the time I walked out of the theater, I had laughed, “awwed”, gotten angry and almost cried. Overall, I was ready to immediately stand in the long line to buy a ticket for the next showing.

“The Lorax” is presented at a time, when our society is focused on “green” efforts such as reusing and recycling. Keeping to Dr. Seuss’s point, “The Lorax” promotes ideals to protect our world

and its resources. Along the way reminding us that every action has a consequence, especially in regards to our natural resources.



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MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern.....	11-0	4-0
Central Mo.....	7-1	3-1
Pitt. State.....	5-3	3-1
NORTHWEST.....	4-8	3-1
Emporia State.....	6-3	2-2
Southwest Baptist.....	5-3-1	2-2
Mo. Western.....	5-6	1-3
Fort Hays.....	2-5	1-3
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-10	1-3
Washburn.....	2-3	0-0
Truman.....	1-7	0-4

March 9:
NORTHWEST at Emporia St.
Lincoln (Mo.) at Southwest Baptist
Central Mo. at Truman
Fort Hayes at Mo. Southern

March 10:
NORTHWEST at Emporia St.
Fort Hayes at Mo. Southern

MHS BASEBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0

March 19:
Bishop LeBlond at Benton

March 20:
Maryville at Savannah

March 21:
Chillicothe at Savannah

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Western.....	14-3	0-0
Fort Hays.....	9-5	0-0
Central Mo.....	8-6	0-0
Emporia St.....	8-6	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	6-8	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-6	0-0
Truman.....	6-9	0-0
Pitt. State.....	5-12	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-14	0-0
Washburn.....	3-9	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	2-10	0-0

March 8:
NORTHWEST at Lincoln (Mo.)
Truman at Rockhurst

March 9:
Lincoln at NORTHWEST
Mo. Western at Southwest Baptist
Emporia St. at Central Mo.

MHS GIRLS' SOCCER

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	0-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0

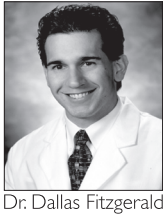
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Softball ready for first home game

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter

The softball team dropped its record to below .500 this weekend after dropping three-of-four in the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament in Joplin.

The Bearcats started the week-end Friday with back-to-back losses to Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma, 3-0 and 8-2, respectively.

Northwest bounced back with a win Saturday against Arkansas-Monticello, 3-1, before dropping its third game of the weekend, 5-3, to Upper Iowa.

“We didn’t show up,” head coach Ryan Anderson said. “We had some chances and didn’t show up...Realistically, we were in both games, but they outplayed us.”

Junior pitcher Jenna Creger was named MIAA Softball Student-Athlete of the Week for Feb. 28-March 5 after going 1-1 with 15 strikeouts in the tournament.

Junior outfield transfer Josi Van Houten from Ellsworth Community College chipped in four hits and one run for the Northwest offense.

Anderson said that being forced to practice inside for most of the season has been a disadvan-

tage for the Bearcats in the early portion of their schedule.

“Out of the 14 games we’ve played, 12 of those teams haven’t practiced inside this year,” Anderson said. “If we were on a level playing field, maybe we’d pick up three or four more wins. Those are things you have to play through, and we live up in Northwest Missouri so we are stuck with that kind of stuff. We can’t use that as an excuse either.”

Anderson said that some of his players are not playing up to the level he thought they would be at this point in the season.

“We just need more reps,” Anderson said. “We need to be more consistent hitting-wise. (There are) always little things, whether you’re winning or losing, that you can do. A lot of it’s just getting out of our own way and having good attitudes.”

The ‘Cats record now stands at 6-8, and they will play their next six games at home.

The first home double-header starts at 1 p.m. Friday against Lincoln.

“It’ll be nice to not be on the road,” Anderson said. “It’s our opening weekend of conference, so we need to come out strong and just play well.”



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior shortstop Rachael Schmitz takes a cut at a pitch last season. The Bearcats are off to a 6-8 start to open the season despite losing three of four last weekend at the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament.

Northwest will then take on Lindenwood starting at noon Saturday.

“I think they’re kind of a wild-card team; they’re not really in our conference,” Anderson said. “I think that they have some talent... Next year they’ll be in our conference, so we have to approach them like they’re going to be a conference school and come out and play.”

The Bearcats finish the home-stand with a double-header starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday against Wayne State.

Offense comes alive, leads baseball team to 3 weekend wins

CRAIG SIMS
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest baseball team proved just how lethal their offense could be after breaking a program record and winning their first series of the season last weekend against conference foe Fort Hays State.

In game No.1Friday, the Bearcats scored 29 runs, the most ever in a single game in program history.

The previous record for runs scored in a game was 28, something the ‘Cats first accomplished in 1990 and duplicated in 2007.

“This season we have been able to come out hot and score early in innings,” head coach Darin Loe said. “Once we got confidence, I

knew we could be a pretty good hitting team.”

Northwest won the first of the four-game set 29-3, hitting eight homeruns with 24 hits.

Three of the bombs came from junior catcher Travis Green, who went 4-for-5 and had five RBIs.

Junior outfielder Jon Pomatto hit two homeruns on the day, going 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Sophomore third baseman Eric McGlauflin had a career game as he finished 5-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Senior pitcher Chris Green (2-0) pitched a complete game en route to the Bearcats’ second win of the season.

The first game of Saturday’s double-header ended with the benches clearing following a two

out, walk-off single that gave Fort Hays their first conference victory of the season.

The Tigers opened up the game in the fifth inning, scoring six runs that gave them the 6-3 lead.

Northwest kept the game close in their next at bat, scoring five runs, highlighted by a two-run homer from junior outfielder Jake Kretzer, but luck turned out to be on the Tigers side as they got the close win over the Bearcats, 9-8.

“We felt like the runner was clearly out, but the umpire ended up calling him safe,” Loe said. “It was an emotional way to end the game, and our guys came out to argue the call. Those things happen when you play a tight ball game and are competing.”

Saturday’s second game end-

ed in close fashion much like the first one, but this time it ended in a ‘Cat victory.

Northwest got off to a hot start as they scored nine runs on seven hits in the second inning, following a three-run first inning.

The Tigers kept chipping away at the Northwest lead, putting together a four-run second inning and a four-run sixth inning, but the early 12 runs the Bearcats scored proved to be too much to overcome.

Northwest totaled 13 hits in the 12-10 win.

Junior pitcher Chase Anderson was credited the win, his first of the season.

The ‘Cats capped the weekend on a two-game winning streak as they got the 12-11 win over Fort

Hays on Sunday.

Junior shortstop Eric Swain, sophomore outfielder Ryan Abernathy, and freshman first baseman Steven Garber all had multiple hits for the Bearcats in the victory.

Junior pitcher Nathaniel Horton allowed three hits for his first win of the season.

Northwest (4-8, 3-1 MIAA) travels to Emporia State to take on the Hornets in a four-game conference match-up that starts at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Emporia, Kan.

“Getting three out of four wins on the road against a quality opponent, it’s a good weekend,” Loe said. “This was a confidence builder for us, and I think we proved to ourselves that we are a good baseball team.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK

BEARCATS



Steven Garber	Eric Swain	Molly Baker	Jake Reinders
Freshman first baseman Steven Garber went 5-for-11 against Fort Hays over the weekend, helping Northwest to three wins. He hit four homers and drove in 10 runs in four games.	Junior shortstop Eric Swain belted a pair of homeruns and drove in eight runs, helping the ‘Cats take three out of four from Fort Hays last weekend. Swain went a collective 8-for-14.	Sophomore right fielder Molly Baker hit a pair of homeruns and drove in three runs at the Teri Mathis-Zenner Memorial Tournament over the weekend.	Senior forward Jake Reinders recorded a pair of double-doubles in the MIAA Tournament this weekend. He scored 25 points and grabbed 22 boards in the two games.

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Former standout receiver prepares for next level

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest is one of the most storied programs in the history of Division II football, and to go down as one of the best players in the history of the program puts you in elite company.

The numbers make it impossible to debate that Jake Soy is one of the top players in the history of Northwest football (see above).

"I came into Northwest with a lot to learn, and I put a lot of work in," Soy said. "There is no secret to life. You work hard and good things happen."

Soy spent his sophomore and junior year making the lives of opposing corners miserable, collecting 175 receptions for 2,870 yards and 39 touchdowns.

"I think the big thing was that he was a student of the game, and I don't think he got enough credit for that," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "He really studied football and coverages. I always thought he did a real good job dissecting corners that he was going up against that week and what are their strengths and weaknesses. He caught the ball really well with his hands because if you watched him closely, he did a good job extending his arms, and he has huge hands."

Soy was expected to continue his reign as a dominant force in the MIAA but was hindered by a foot injury that cut down his production and his time on the field. He was limited to 37 receptions, 677 yards and five touchdowns during his senior campaign.

"Ten years down the road people won't remember, and it's a travesty, but if you look at the game against Midwestern State, he made big play after big play, and they were all on third down," Dorrel said. "I know how much pain he was in, and it meant so much to me to see him get up and go and do the best he could."

After the season Soy underwent surgery to repair the fracture in his foot and is currently undergoing rehab to get back on the field.

"Rehab is going really well," Soy said. "I got my x-rays back last week and you can't even see the fracture anymore, which is a big step in the right direction for me. I can start increasing my physical therapy and start running."

"I'm taking it day-by-day. The trainers keep telling me not to look at a calendar. It's just when I'm ready, I'm ready."

Now that his tenure is over in a Bearcat uniform, Soy is looking to take his football career to the next level.

Soy is working out at Pro Edge Performance Training in Chandler, Ariz. to get in shape for his Pro Day on March 23 at Missouri Western, where he hopes to open the eyes of an NFL team.

"I expect to be a free agent, and I don't expect to get

drafted," Soy said.

"Just being realistic with my foot injury, and I didn't have a very productive season this year. My expectation is to have a good Pro Day and get invited to some camps. From there I hope to get an opportunity to show them that I can play."

Dorrel has also received calls from NFL scouts inquiring about his for-

mer star wideout.

"I've taken some phone calls the last couple of weeks about him," Dorrel said. "Unfortunately for him, he was hurt his senior year, and we've been real adamant with the NFL people and told them not to watch the tapes from his senior year. But they are the NFL, and they will do what they want to do. I think he will end up making a team."

Soy is an Iowa native and received a preferred walk-on spot for the Hawkeyes but gave up a Division I opportunity after a visit to Northwest.

"I really fell in love with the town," Soy said. "I stayed down here for two days, and I just really felt at home right away. Honestly, before I came down I had never heard of the school, and I wasn't planning on coming there, but I decided to give it a chance. I ended up really liking it, and it felt like the right place."

Soy hopes to follow in the footsteps of recent former Bearcats Dave Tollefson, Josh Baker and Xavier Omon, but even with his football future uncertain, he knows his time at Northwest was not wasted.

"I am definitely going to give my career in football an opportunity, and if it doesn't work out, I have no problem using my degree because I worked really hard for that too," Soy said. "There is a small window of opportunity for something like this, so I'm going to give it everything I have and give myself a chance."

Former wide receiver Jake Soy hauls in a touchdown pass against Missouri Western. Soy left as the MIAA career leader in touchdown receptions. FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN



Building a fantasy champion

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter



Summer is coming quick, which means it's finally time to avenge that second-place finish in fantasy football. "If you're not first, you're last."

That's right, fantasy baseball is right around the corner, and the draft lobbies on ESPN.com are freshly open.

So gather nine of your closest friends for an exciting summer of heated, sports nerd competition and check out this guide to having the best draft possible.

First off, no matter what your plan is, make sure you go into draft day with an idea in mind. Even if you trash this column for your own expertise, make sure you have a game plan. Don't ever try to wing it, or you'll end up with Adam LaRoche as your first baseman.

Let's go position-by-position in order of scarcity.

In the first round, you want to aim for a position with the scarcest number of premium players: shortstop. Your goal should be to get either Troy Tulowitzki or Hanley Ramirez in round one, no matter what slot you're drafting from. If neither is available, aim for Starlin Castro in round four or five.

The traditionally weak second base spot isn't any better this year, so don't expect much. Don't waste a high pick on Cano or Pedroia; there are much more important positions to fill that high. Instead, shoot for Chase Utley or Rickie Weeks in round seven, or wait all the way until past round 14 to get a prospect such as Dustin Ackley or Neil Walker.

This season the outfield position is surprisingly weak. Several former high-end outfielders had down seasons last year, so there are several sleepers in the 2012 draft. Aim for two top guys in the first five rounds, then a sleeper of your choice in rounds eight through 10. A solid, low-risk pick is Michael Cuddyer in round nine, who moved from spacious Target Field to the launching pad, Coors Field, in Colorado.

Everyone always worries about drafting a catcher high, but don't waste your time or picks. There will be a bounty of catchers available in rounds nine through 13. Someone will jump out and reach for Buster Posey early, but don't worry; Miguel Montero, Alex Avila and up-and-comer Wilson Ramos will all still be available.

If Tulowitzki and HanRam are gone in round one when it's your turn, it wouldn't be a bad idea to grab Jose Bautista or Evan Longoria, if available. At the same time, don't rush to grab someone at the hot corner, as there are 11 second-tier or better third basemen in the top 100 overall players.

First base is without a doubt the deepest position in 2012. However, as deep as it is, the top eight will be gone by round five, so don't hesitate too long. If you do, make sure to pick up Freddie Freeman in round 10.

As tempting as it will be, DO NOT draft a starting pitcher before round six. There are several top-three rotation guys ranked between 90 and 140, including last year's early Cy Young contender, Josh Johnson, at 128. Aim to pick up Zack Greinke, David Price or Jon Lester as your ace in round six. Fill the rest of your rotation out as you go, but try not to draft back-to-back pitchers.

Depending on how your league is set up, good closers can be a major asset. In a standard 10-team ESPN league, you want to draft two studs and a second-tier guy. Start shopping for your stoppers in round 11, as top-end players such as Brian Wilson and Jose Valverde will still be available. In the later rounds, grab a sleeper such as Heath Bell, Joakim Soria, Huston Street or Andrew Bailey.

Now that you have an idea of what to do from a wannabe expert, start calling up some buddies and get your league together.

Good luck with your 2012 fantasy baseball season, and don't forget to enjoy some real baseball along the way.

Men get 5 seed, prepare for tourney

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

While the MIAA Tournament did not go how the Northwest men's basketball team would have liked, they learned some valuable lessons during their time in Kansas City.

"Obviously, I would have liked a different outcome, but it's been great (in Kansas City)," senior forward Jake Reinders said. "The main thing (is) not going away from what's working."

Those lessons are what the team hopes to take into the national tournament.

"We gotta stick with what we do well," head coach Ben McCollum said. "We gotta stay with it and don't go away from it at all. Stay disciplined with it. If we can do that, I think we have a chance to win a few games down there."

Now, the team must stick by its season-long approach of taking it one game at a time in hopes of winning the last game of the season.

"Now we have an opportunity to win our last game," McCollum said. "I think that's your objective every year going into it, to make sure you can get into that national tournament. The conference tournament first then the national tournament second, to where you have an opportunity to win your last game."

The first step toward that goal comes against a familiar opponent. The fifth seeded Bearcats take on MIAA foe and No. 4 seeded Washburn in the first round of the South Central Regional Tournament Saturday.

"I think going into the national tournament, it's 64 teams and all records are erased," McCollum said.

The Ichabods won a share of the MIAA regular season title as well as the conference's automatic bid to the national tournament by winning the MIAA Tournament last weekend. Washburn defeated Pittsburg State in the championship game 67-63.

Northwest swept the season series, defeating the Ichabods 65-59 at home in December before completing the sweep in Topeka, Kan. Jan. 25, by the score of 70-63.

"They're not going to change anything, we're not going to change anything, so we'll see who wants it more," McCollum said. "That's what it comes down to, who wants it more."

Four Bearcats scored in double figures during the first meeting while five reached double digits in the second matchup.

Tip-off for the first round matchup is set for 8:30 p.m. Saturday at D.L. Ligon Coliseum on the campus of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The host Mustangs are the No. 1 seed and face No. 8 St. Mary's (Texas) at 6 p.m.

No. 2 Tarleton State (Texas) takes on No. 7 Missouri Southern at 2:30 p.m. and No. 3 Arkansas Tech faces No. 6 West Texas A&M at noon.

The winners of the 6 p.m. game faces the 8 p.m. winner on Sunday as well as the noon and 2:30 p.m. winners. The championship game will be played at 7 p.m. Tuesday.



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Junior guard DeShaun Cooper drives to the basket during the second round of the MIAA Tournament against Pittsburg State Saturday. Cooper scored 14 points in the Bearcats' 56-53 loss.